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### Federal Stimulus Package Could Benefit GATRA

Taunton - The Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (*GATRA*) announced today that it could receive significant capital funds through the Federal Economic Stimulus bill once it has been passed. The House version of the Economic Stimulus bill allows for a significant increase in funding to public transit nationwide. The Senate version also has similar provisions which will mean transit systems will enjoy new funding to undertake capital projects. This will potentially allow *GATRA* to buy new transit buses as well as smaller buses for its demand response fleet and to undertake several capital projects in the Cities of Attleboro and Taunton.

Once the final version of the bill is signed by the President, the Federal Economic Stimulus funds will allow *GATRA* to move ahead on projects that are ready to be undertaken quickly in order to begin putting people back to work. The *Federal Transit Administration (FTA)* will administer the federal funds to the transit agencies. *FTA* has committed to getting the money out quickly once the President signs the Economic Stimulus bill into law.

*GATRA* is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, one of 15 Regional Transit Authorities in the state with an operating budget of more than \$22 million. *GATRA's* management companies operate more than 90 vehicles providing over 775,000 customer rides in 26 communities.

